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FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

OF WESTMORELAND,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1903.

INVENTORY OF TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, APRIL 1, 1902.

219 polls,	$21,900 00
Real estate, resident,	316,135 00
Real estate, non-resident,	32,260 00
314 horses,	20,500 00
16 oxen,	1,015 00
874 cows,	26,650 00
391 neat,	8,955 00
332 sheep,	1,056 00
7 hogs,	110 00
Carriages,	1,425 00
Stock in banks,	3,397 00
Money on hand or at interest,	19,678 00
Stock in trade, resident,	5,370 00
Stock in trade, non-resident,	7,930 00
Mills and ferries, resident,	3,000 00
Mills and ferries, non-resident,	1,000 00
Total,	$470,381 00

ASSESSMENT.

State tax,	$879 75
County tax,	998 98
School tax,	1,242 00

Special school tax,	400 00
Schoolhouse,	500 00
Bridges,	500 00
Town charges,	1,000 00
Highway tax,	1,167 64
Town note,	100 00
Library,	62 10
Overlay,	111 16
Total tax,	$6,961 63

Rate per cent, .0148.

EXPENDITURES.

HIGHWAYS.

District No. 1, Sumner Parker, surveyor,	$84 16
District No. 2, E. R. Carpenter, surveyor,	91 54
District No. 3, H. H. Rogers, surveyor,	48 71
District No. 4, Geo. S. Aldrich, surveyor,	135 37
District No. 5, E. C. Green, surveyor,	352 48
District No. 6, M. M. Greeley, surveyor,	391 54
Total,	$1,103 80
Amount of highway tax,	$1,167 64
Balance in treasury,	$63 84

SNOW ACCOUNT.

Frank Bolster, 1901,	$4 27
M. M. Greeley,	15 15
F. W. and F. P. Hall,	5 40
J. H. Curtis,	3 00
W. J. Holden,	5 93
	$33 75

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1902,	$140 37
Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1903,	$106 62

TOWN HALL.

W. E. Bennett, sawing wood,	$0 50
W. E. Cullen, 5 cords of wood,	15 00
W. W. Shelly, sawing wood,	1 55
G. M. Blake, supplies,	10 96
L. J. Johnson, sawing wood,	2 50
Geo. M. Blake, supplies,	6 14
J. E. Hartwell, slab wood,	2 50
G. H. Hall, repairing roof,	6 50
Geo. M. Blake, oil,	1 84
W. E. Bennett, labor, setting glass,	1 25
W. E. Cullen, 1 cord of wood,	4 00
E. A. Farr, labor,	1 25
W. W. Shelly, janitor,	24 88
	$78 87

Rent of town hall, $52.30.

USE OF WATER.

A. O. Higgins,	$1 50
H. L. Black,	1 50
C. M. Scovell,	1 50
E. A. Farr, two years,	3 00
	$7 50

DOG LICENSE AND DAMAGE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Amount of licenses,	$144 60

DAMAGES.

Geo. Brown,	$10 00
F. E. Atherton,	25 00
W. C. Foster,	16 00
	$51 00
Balance due school district,	$93 60

KEEPING TRAMPS.

D. H. Scovell,	$12 75
F. E. Cobleigh,	75
	$13 50
State tax,	$879 75
County tax,	$998 98

BRIDGES.

Special bridge tax,	$500 00
Expenditures:	
C. W. Witham, bridge commissioner,	$190 92
Balance,	$309 08

GLINE CEMETERY.

Balance, Feb. 15, 1902,	$2 66
M. M. Greeley, labor,	2 00
Balance on hand,	$0 66

SCHOOLS.

Total school fund,	$2,012 47
Paid Willard Bill, Jr., school treasurer,	2,008 37
Balance due school district,	$4 10

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Amount received from state,	$125 00
Amount appropriated by town,	125 00
	$250 00
Paid C. J. Richards, 9 months salary,	187 50
C. J. Richards, 3 months salary due,	$62 50

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Edward E. Babb & Co., books and supplies,	$84 32
Geo. M. Blake, supplies,	1 87
W. H. Spalter, supplies,	19 32
C. J. Richards, books and blanks,	7 87
Express,	1 49
H. B. Davis, printing,	7 50
Robertson & Co., 510 lbs. paper,	17 85
D. V. Cahalane, pens,	4 95
E. A. Keep, books,	19 48
Knowlton & Co., books and express,	2 23
Express,	55
H. B. Davis, printing report blanks,	3 25
Robertson & Co., paper,	8 25
Express,	1 16
W. H. Spalter, supplies and express,	2 00
Ginn & Co., books,	4 59
Silver, Burdett & Co., supplies,	5 40
Levenworth, Green & Co., maps,	12 00
	$204 08

TOWN PAUPERS.

Board of Annie Amidon,	$130 00
Medical attendance,	8 50
Clothing,	10 00

Board of children of Chas. J. Leach,	13 00
Board of James G. Hall, dependent soldier,	12 00
	$173 50

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Susan A. Reed, board,	$96 50
Clothing,	4 99
	$101 49

COUNTY DEPENDENT SOLDIER.

Geo. A. Kingman, board,	$89 43
Mary A. Wellsby, board,	60 00
Clothing,	6 30
Medical attendance,	3 25
	$158 98

TOWN OFFICERS.

E. T. Nims, supervisor,	$8 00
Kirk Wheeler, tax collector, part payment, 1901,	45 00
C. M. Scovell, trustee of public funds, 1901,	6 00
Kirk Wheeler, tax collector, part payment, 1901,	15 00
John Works, supervisor,	8 00
C. C. Hall, supervisor,	8 00
C. C. Hall, school auditor,	1 00
Geo. S. Aldrich, member school board,	40 00
Don H. Scovell, member school board,	30 00
F. A. Knight, member school board,	25 00
F. E. Cole, town auditor,	3 00
E. J. Goodnow, town clerk,	23 63
Kirk Wheeler, tax collector, part payment, 1902,	30 00
C. M. Scovell, trustee public funds, 1902,	8 00
Willard Bill, Jr., school district treasurer,	10 00

Willard Bill, Jr., school district clerk,	2 00
Carrie E. Bryant, librarian,	35 00
H. D. Pierce, constable,	7 00
J. A. Craig, town treasurer,	35 00
A. A. Barker, selectman,	53 00
D. H. Scovell, selectman,	60 00
F. E. Cobleigh, selectman,	37 00
	$489 63

MISCELLANEOUS.

W. H. Parker, work on highway, 1901,	$5 85
Ashuelot National Bank, town note,	500 00
Ashuelot National Bank, town note interest,	4 38
E. T. Nims, gravel, 1901,	65
C. C. Hall, labor on highway, 1901,	3 15
Second payment on new schoolhouse,	500 00
Two months' interest on payment,	4 17
Library appropriation,	62 10
Sentinel Printing Co., printing notice,	1 00
Spencer & Co., tile, 1901,	11 76
Lois Leach, rent of building,	5 00
W. W. Shelly, driving hearse,	19 00
E. A. Farr, work on scraper,	3 08
W. H. Spalter & Co., supplies,	4 50
J. A. Craig, viewing remains of unknown body found in Connecticut river,	1 50
Willard Bill, Jr., town note,	500 00
Willard Bill, Jr., town note interest,	25 00
Henry Burt, over-payment of taxes,	7 40
W. E. Bennett, painting hearse,	2 00
Fred A. Cole, labor on highway, 1901,	7 12
Fred W. Pierce, labor on highway, 1901,	3 45
John Hadlock, edge and bolts for scraper,	8 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town reports,	25 50
Brick for furnace, 1901,	22 90
O. E. Ward, labor on highway, 1901,	1 20

E. T. Nims, labor on highway, 1901,	4 50
Geo. Blake, nails,	1 24
G. H. Aldrich & Sons, insurance on new schoolhouse,	40 00
C. M. Scovell, trustee, interest on town notes,	140 86
C. M. Scovell, trustee, town note,	100 00
J. D. Goodnow, wood for town hall, 1901,	13 25
C. A. Jaquith, edge for scraper,	10 00
	$2,039 06

ABATEMENTS AND ERRORS.

Geo. S. Aldrich, guardian of Annie Amidon, 1901,	$1 40
Nathaniel S. Amidon, left town, 1901,	1 40
Henry V. Baker, left town, 1901,	1 40
William Brown, left town, 1901,	1 40
William Carr, left town, 1901,	1 75
Joseph Gorman, left town, 1901,	2 17
Geo, Hendrix, abated,	1 40
J. W. Lord, administrator, J. B. Knight's estate, error,	14 00
Geo. O. Norcross, left town,	2 52
Chas. Nichols, left town,	1 40
Eugene Wheeler, left town,	1 40
Henry Thatcher, error,	1 40
Isaac W. Wheaton, left town,	1 40
Geo. Zukosskis, left town,	1 40
Chas. Booth, left town,	1 40
Chas. Brown, left town,	2 38
Burt Holland, error,	1 40
William Porter,	1 40
Herbert Brown,	1 40
	$42 42

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Highways,	$1,103 80
Snow account,	33 75

Town hall,	78 87
Use of water,	7 50
Dog damage,	51 00
Keeping tramps,	13 50
State tax,	879 75
County tax,	998 98
Bridges,	190 92
Cemetery,	2 00
Schools,	2,008 37
School superintendent,	187 50
School supplies,	204 08
Town paupers,	173 50
County paupers,	101 49
County dependent soldiers,	158 98
Town officers,	489 63
Miscellaneous,	2,039 06
	$8,722 68
Amount 181 town orders,	$8,722 68

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

INDEBTEDNESS.

Literary fund note,	$1,772 67
Accrued interest on same,	96 32
C. M. Scovell, trustee, note, Dec. 4, 1897,	150 00
Accrued interest on same,	8 55
C. M. Scovell, trustee, note, April 1, 1898,	150 00
Accrued interest on same,	6 25
C. M. Scovell, trustee, note, April 15, 1896,	150 00
Accrued interest on same,	6 00
C. M. Scovell, trustee, 2 notes, July 7, 1900,	200 00
Accrued interest on same,	4 84
Clara M. Cobb, note, Aug. 4, 1900,	100 00
Accrued interest on same,	7 65
Dog license due school district,	93 60

Balance school money due school district,	4 10
Outstanding orders,	134 93
Total indebtedness,	$2,884 91

ASSETS.

County pauper claim,	$82 87
Taxes in hand of collector, 1901,	118 55
Taxes in hand of collector, 1902,	566 31
Cash in treasury,	741 32
Total assets,	$1,509 05
Balance of town debt,	$1,375 86
Town debt, Feb. 15, 1902,	$2,130 17
Reduction of town debt,	$754 31

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BARKER,
DON H. SCOVELL,
F. E. COBLEIGH,
Selectmen of Westmoreland.

TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the Year ending Feb. 15, 1903.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1902,	$333 74
C. M. Scovell, interest on trust funds,	182 27
C. M. Scovell, interest, Gline cemetery fund,	4 66
C. M. Scovell, interest, Shelly cemetery fund,	2 12
Aid dependent soldiers,	104 92
County pauper claim,	141 85
State treasurer, school fund,	125 00
State treasurer, railroad tax,	220 51
State treasurer, saving bank tax,	388 16
State literary fund,	92 50
Ashuelot National Bank, cash on note,	491 67
Warren W. Shelly, rent town hall,	52 30
E. J. Goodnow, dog license,	144 60
Kirke W. Wheeler, collector taxes, 1901,	673 02
Kirke W. Wheeler, collector taxes, 1902,	6,395 41
Interest,	88
	$9,353 61

EXPENDITURES.

State tax,	$879 75
Wallace L. Mason, county tax,	998 98
Willard Bill, Jr., school treasurer,	1,908 37
Willard Bill, Jr., note and interest,	525 00
Ashuelot National Bank, note and interest,	504 38
C. M. Scovell, town note,	100 00

Second annual district note and interest,	504 17
Outstanding orders,	24 57
Town orders,	3,167 07
	$8,612 29
Balance in treasury,	741 32
	$9,353 61

JAS. A. CRAIG,
Treasurer.

TOWN LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$7 25
Fines collected,	2 70
	$9 95

EXPENDITURES.

Postage on catalogue proofs and manuscript,	$0 45
Sending out catalogues,	30
Day book, mucilage, ink and markers,	45
Express on catalogues,	90
Express on books,	1 10
Paid Willard Bill, Jr., trustee,	6 50
	$9 70
Cash to balance,	25
	$9.95
Number of volumes as reported, 1902,	1,734
Books purchased during the year,	41
Books presented by United States,	23
Books presented by individuals,	4
Present number of volumes,	1,802
Number patrons,	200
Number volumes issued,	2,465

CARRIE E. BRYANT,
Librarian.

Westmoreland, Feb. 14, 1903.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES.

RECEIPTS.

1902.			
		Balance from last year,	$33 79
Mar.	3.	By cash from librarian,	6 50
1903.			
Jan.	3.	Town appropriations,	62 10
			$102 39

EXPENDITURES.

1902.			
Feb.	20.	C. B. Perry & Sons, insurance,	$1 70
Apr.	3.	Darling & Co., 300 catalogues,	51 50
May	17.	W. H. Spalter, binding and repair of books,	4 00
Sept.	24.	G. H. French, 2 books,	2 00
Oct.	25.	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., 16 books,	18 36
Nov.	22.	C. B. Perry & Sons, insurance,	2 88
1903.			
Feb.	10.	DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., 23 books,	30 63
			$111 07
		Balance due trustees,	$8 68

A comparison of the librarian's report with that of the preceding year will demonstrate that the number of volumes taken from the library for the year covered by this report exceeded that of the previous year by 623 volumes. This fact indicates an increasing interest and appreciation of our town library. Yet we feel that its merits deserve greater patronage. Without gift, legacy or solicitation auspices, it originated and has grown steadily to 1802 volumes, notwithstanding it has been subjected to the burden of inhaling in a measure an atmosphere of non-encouragement and of non-patronage. The report of the librarian is therefore of inspiring satisfaction for all of its friends. That which is good will survive. We feel it both a pleasure and duty to here express our fullest satisfaction with the efficient and courteous manner exercised by the librarian and her assistants in the performance of the duties appertaining to her office.

WILLARD BILL JR.,
G. H. FRENCH,
Trustees.

Westmoreland, Feb. 14, 1903.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

Received income from school funds as follows:

From town of Westmoreland, interest on notes,		$140 86
B. J. Leach, interest,		7 00
F. W. Pierce, interest,		12 00
Chas. Leach, interest,		4 48
Ashuelot National Bank, interest,		93
Carrie Stockwell, interest,		12 00
School district of Westmoreland, interest,		5 00
		$182 27
Gline cemetery fund, interest,		4 66
Warren Shelly cemetery fund, interest,		2 12
Total amount of income available for use,		$189 05
School district interest, Lord fund, to be applied to principal,		9 74
Total amount of interest collected,		$198 79
Paid J. A. Craig, town treasurer,		$189 05

Some of the investments have been paid in during the year and were again invested as follows:

Jothan Lord fund, amount,		$1,359 16
Invested in:		
Cheshire County Savings Bank,	$779 33	
Cheshire Provident Institution,	384 96	
Westmoreland school district note,	194 87	
		$1,359 16
Town literary fund note,		$1,772 67
Income paid town treasurer,		106 36
Accrued interest,		96 32
Eliphalet Fox fund,		$1,000 00

Invested in:		
Cheshire county Savings Bank,	$100 00	
School district of Westmoreland note,	100 00	
Three notes of the town of Westmoreland,	350 00	
B. J. Leach, note,	250 00	
F. W. Pierce, note,	200 00	
		$1,000 00
Interest paid town treasurer,		$43 50
Accured interest about,		51 90
Henry Esty fund,		$1,000 00
Invested in;		
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	$300 00	
Cheshire County Savings Bank,	185 97	
Westmoreland school district note,	14 03	
Two notes of town of Westmoreland,	300 00	
Note of Carrie Stockwell,	200 00	
		$1,000 00
Income paid town treasurer,		32 38
Accured interest,		12 23
Warren Shelly cemetery fund,		$49 79
Invested in Keene Savings Bank.		
Gline cemetery fund,		$113 31
Invested in Cheshire County Savings Bank.		

C. M. SCOVELL,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the selectmen, treasurer, trustee, and librarian of public library, and the accounts of the trustee of public funds, and to the best of our knowledge and belief they are correctly vouched and correct.

JOHN WORKS,
GEO. S. ALDRICH,
Auditors.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

The past year has been one of marked progress for the schools of Westmoreland. The chief reason for this is found in the work of the superintendent. His relations with the school board have been most cordial, and his work very satisfactory. In the purchasing of books and supplies he has made a large saving over former years. His report printed herewith gives a detailed account of his work.

At the beginning of the present school year teachers were elected for the whole year instead of for one term as formerly. Many teachers do not care to take a position for one term. This is especially the case with those whose services are most valuable; and it is, more than ever, the policy of the board to elect only experienced and competent teachers. It was also decided to pay a mileage of 5 cents per day to all pupils below the ninth grade living more than one and one-half and less than two miles from school, and ten cents per day for all living two miles or over. No mileage to be paid for any pupil above the ninth grade. No one is expected to get rich from this amount, but, with a little co-operation on part of parents, the children might be conveyed to school and no one be any poorer. It is unnecessary, impracticable, and without considerable increase of funds, impossible for the board to provide conveyance.

Soon after the commencement of the present fiscal year, with no funds in the treasury, the salary of the high school teacher became due. Members of the board advanced the money taking notes of the district. These notes have since been paid, as will appear in the financial statement.

There has been very little expended for repairs the past year.

How much will be needed the coming year will depend entirely on how many schools are maintained. With schools as they are now located nothing is needed.

There has been paid to cancel indebtedness $500 and accrued interest, amounting to $528.40. The liabilities of the district on account of the new schoolhouse are as follows:

Mary K. Ward, note dated Oct. 1, 1901, due Oct. 1, 1903, $500 and accrued interest.

F. A. Knight, note dated Oct. 1, 1901, due Oct. 1, 1904, $500 and accrued interest.

Willard Bill, Jr., note dated Apr. 10, 1902, due Oct. 1, 1905, $500 and accrued interest.

C. M. Scovell, trustee, note dated Jan. 1, 1903, due Oct. 1, 1906, $308.90 and accrued interest.

These notes are written with interest annually at 5 per cent but no provision has been made to pay this interest as it becomes due. This should be done.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

Helen M. Blake, Lyle Craig, Clark A. Kathan, George A. Capron, Alfred Luck.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Term.	School.	Teacher.	No. of pupils.	Average daily attendance.	Visits by Supt.	Visits by parents and others.	Length of school in weeks.	Wages of teacher per month.
Spring.	Village Primary	Alice Butterfield	25	23	2	32	10	$28
Fall			35	31	5	44	10	36
Winter.			34	25	6	35	10	36
Spring.	North End	Erwin Bryant	16	13	3	27	10	24
Fall		Lizzie Aldrich	25	20	3	21	10	28
Winter.		Lizzie Aldrich	23	16	4	15	10	28
Spring.	No. 9	Harold Ford	22	18	.....	.....	10	29
Fall			21	19	3	10	10	32
Winter.			23	17	4	4	10	32
Spring.	E. Westmoreland	Zoella Phelps	19	15	3	33	10	24
Fall		Mabel Gray	21	16	4	29	10	28
Winter.		Bernice Stimpson	17	12	4	29	10	36
Spring.	High	Gertrude Scovell, Erwin Bryant	28	25	3	30	10	40
Fall		A. G. Burbee	40	33	7	28	10	50
Winter.		Edith Buzzell	37	31	6	17	12	50
Spring.	Parkhill	Lillie McKinley	18	17	2	19	10	28
Spring.	No. 8	Lizzie Aldrich	8	7	2	16	10	22

The amount of school funds due the district treasury for the year ending February 15, 1903, is:

Required by law,	$1,242 00
Raised additional,	400 00
State literary fund,	92 50
Town literary fund,	182 27
Dog license,	95 70
To pay indebtness,	504 17
Tuition from Chas. Seward,	15 00
	$2,531 64

Expended as follows:

Teaching,	$1,342 00
Mileage,	142 20
Wood,	91 50
Care of buildings,	74 30
Repairs and sundries,	17 40

Building note and interest (Scovell),	309 61
Building note and interest (Knight),	218 79
G. S. Aldrich note and interest,	60 90
F. A. Knight note and interest,	60 90
	$2,318 60
Excess of receipts over expenditures,	213 04
	$2,531 64

For amounts paid individuals, see report of school treasurer.

GEO. S. ALDRICH,
DON H. SCOVELL,
FRANK A. KNIGHT,
School Board of Westmoreland.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of the school board of the school district of Westmoreland for the year ending February 15, 1903, and to the best of my knowledge and belief are correct and properly vouched.

JOHN WORKS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Board of Westmoreland:

Gentlemen—In accordance with your requirements I submit this my first annual report.

I desire to express my appreciation of the cordial co-operation of school officers and teachers throughout the year in our efforts to secure improved school conditions. We recognize, also, our obligation to that large body of our citizens,—the majority we still believe—whose sympathy and support has been, and always must be our main reliance, if we are to make our schools a credit and not a reproach to our town.

TEACHERS.

That "the teacher makes the school" is very largely true. Nothing can compensate for her lack of efficiency. All our teachers have worked faithfully and for the most part successfully. No school has been a complete failure, though some have not been as profitable as we have a right to expect in the future.

I would recommend a somewhat greater degree of care in the selection of teachers than has sometimes been exercised. This involves a knowledge of the school and its special needs as well as a careful investigation as to the qualifications and experience of those who wish to teach.

It is doubtful policy to continue a teacher in a school for even one term, if after a fair trial she is found to be incapable of maintaining discipline or imparting instruction. On the other hand, a teacher who has proved her fitness for any particular school should be retained as long as she is able and willing to remain. Any reasonable sum paid for her services is a good investment.

The value of a school is not to be measured by the number of weeks it is in session, but by the quality of work that is being done.

A much larger degree of success would have attended the efforts of our teachers, had there been a more general co-operation on the part of the parents. If our citizens would visit our schools,

take an interest in the progress of the pupils, encourage regular attendance and good behavior, and avoid criticism of teachers in the presence of pupils, they would do more to improve the schools than can be estimated.

COURSE OF STUDY AND GRADING.

The good results of system and regularity will be nowhere more apparent than in school management.

At the beginning of my duties here, I found an absence of regular and connected work throughout the district. Each school was working almost independently of all the rest. Most pupils were studying without any definite purpose. Too much time was given to some subjects while others were neglected. The studies were not often taken in the order of rational development but in a haphazard way, largely determined by the convenience of the teacher or fancy of the pupils. As a first step towards remedying this condition, a course of study covering the work of nine years has been prepared. This course is used as the basis of the work throughout all the towns of our supervisory district, and is substantially the same as the outlines used in the best schools of our state.

With the help of the teachers all the pupils have been placed in grades according to the work that each can do best. No bright and ambitious pupil is retarded in his progress, nor are those of less ability discouraged by this system of grading. It acts as a stimulus rather than as a curb to the ambition of pupils by directing their energies so as to produce the largest and best results.

The grading is necessarily somewhat imperfect as yet, owing to the unsystematic way in which the work has been done in former years. If this system is continued under competent supervision for a series of years, it cannot fail to effect a marked improvement both in the quality and quantity of work done.

A three years' course of study has been prepared for our high school. A class is to be graduated this year. The work they have done would entitle them to advanced standing in any other institution they might choose to enter. The school is a decided credit to the town, and deserves your generous support.

TEXT-BOOKS.

The selection and care of text-books should receive more attention than has been given in the past. We have a considerable number of books on hand which are not adapted to our needs, while for some lines of work we have not nearly enough suitable books.

A partial change in arithmetics and geographies has been made. It is hoped that the change can be completed throughout the town in the near future. This will involve but little additional expense as some new books would have to be bought if the old series were retained. By gradually introducing a new series, we secure better books and can take advantage of exchange rates. The best books cost no more than inferior ones and "the best is none too good for our children."

At the beginning of the year there was no record to indicate the number or kind of text-books in town, nor where they could be found. Considerable time and attention has been given to labeling and numbering the schoolbooks throughout the town, and a nearly complete list corrected to date is at hand. This list shows that there are about eleven hundred books belonging to the district, besides charts, desk copies, and supplies. By purchasing in larger quantities or at special sales, other school supplies may be secured at lower rates than usually paid. Every school is charged with the books and supplies assigned to it and the teacher is held responsible for their care. She in turn keeps an account with each pupil and is expected to report any loss or damage that may occur. By exercising a proper discrimination in buying, and by providing for the careful recording and use of books and supplies, an annual saving to the town of from fifty to seventy-five dollars can be made. But the greater advantage would not be in the money saved but in the increased efficiency of the schools by reason of better books and supplies furnished as needed.

ATTENDANCE.

It is impossible to realize the best results in attendance or in any other line of school work without the interest and help of the parents. Some few there are who seek to evade all moral or legal obligation for their children's welfare by transferring it to the

teachers and school officials, instead of holding themselves primarily responsible. Parents so deficient in public spirit or a proper regard for their children's highest good, are, we believe, in a small minority. Yet their indifference or opposition is a disturbing element and it is to be hoped that either by moral or legal suasion they may be induced to take a more reasonable attitude.

Written excuses have been required for most cases of absense and tardiness. It is clearly the duty of the teacher to know in some direct way the reason for any irregularity in attendance. Parents will recognize that this is a reasonable requirement, as it is framed in the interest of both parents and pupils.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Our school buildings are in very fair condition. Slight repairs will be needed for all before the opening of the spring term. In one the roof needs shingling. In another the doors and windows need some attention. A clean, attractive schoolroom is a powerful influence for good with the child.

The condition of the outbuildings, yards, fences and playgrounds surrounding the houses might be considerably improved. The new building at the South Village is admirably planned and apparently well built. No one seems to understand just why the heating has been so unsatisfactory for a portion of the time. I believe, however, in case there is no defect in the setting of the furnace, if a supply of good fuel is secured, and a competent janitor is employed who can give sufficient attention to the work, that it will be possible to heat the building comfortably.

CONSOLIDATION.

It is not in my province to discuss the wisdom of your action in the consolidation of schools. The results are not fully apparent as yet. The same process of union is going on in most of the towns of our state where the conditions are similar to ours. That there are objections to such action is true, but the main difficulty seems to lie in fact that the town is so sparsely settled, and the children so widely scattered that, with the means at our command, it is impossible either to maintain good schools at convenient dis-

tances from all, or to furnish equal privileges of transportation to the schools as now located.

It is to be regretted that no system of conveyance seems practicable at present, except to grant mileages to those living a certain distance away from school.

If the citizens in certain neighborhoods would unite in fitting up suitable teams for conveying pupils, we believe the district would act wisely in paying a part if not all of the expense incurred.

CONCLUSION.

"Given a good teacher, trained supervision, and interested parents, and we have the essential conditions of an ideal school." These conditions are attainable in Westmoreland. Mistakes may have been made but they can be remedied. The only one who never makes a mistake is he who does nothing. We believe that a good beginning has been made but it is only a beginning. It is only by persistent united effort that we can attain the best results in the education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

CLINTON J. RICHARDS,
Supt. of Schools.

REPORT OF

TREASURER OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

OF WESTMORELAND.

RECEIPTS.

1902.			
	Balance from last year,		$60 57
Feb.	17.	From town treasurer,	99 20
Mar.	22.	From town treasurer, dog license,	95 70
Mar.	22.	From town treasurer, interest of trust money,	7 00
Apr.	9.	From Frank Seward, tuition,	5 00
June	18.	From town treasurer,	463 62
June	19.	From town treasurer,	25 00
June	22.	From town treasurer,	111 38
Sept.	6.	From Frank Seward, tuition,	5 00
Nov.	14.	From town treasurer,	250 00
Nov.	15.	From town treasurer,	300 00
Dec.	7.	From town treasurer,	504 17
1903.			
Jan.	3.	From town treasurer,	100 00
Feb.	7.	From town treasurer,	655 67
Feb.	7.	From Frank Seward, tuition,	5 00
			$2,687 31

EXPENDITURES.

1902.			
Feb.	19.	Riley Stoddard, conveyance scholars,	$5 00
Feb.	21.	Glenn Britton, janitor services,	13 00
Feb.	24.	Alexander Paine, conveyance,	10 00

Mar.	1.	Chas. L. Stoddard, conveyance,	5 00
Mar.	1.	S. H. Burt, conveyance,	20 00
Mar.	4.	Alice Butterfield, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
Mar.	14.	William Slocum, conveyance,	2 50
Apr.	1.	Fred M. Wheeler, conveyance,	5 00
Apr.	3.	E. B. Butterfield, wood,	12 00
Apr.	14.	Geo. S. Aldrich, fence posts, etc.,	14 05
June	19.	Gertrude B. M. Scovell, teaching 10 weeks,	100 00
June	19.	Lillie McKinley, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
June	19.	Alice Butterfield, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
June	19.	Luella Phelps, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00
June	20.	Waldo L. Hall, janitor,	10 00
June	25.	Alexander Paine, 2 cords wood,	8 00
June	27.	H. L. Ford, teaching 10 weeks,	50 00
June	27.	Lizzie L. Aldrich, teaching 10 weeks,	55 00
June	27.	Geo. S. Aldrich, money loaned,	60 90
June	27.	Fred M. Wheeler, conveyance,	5 00
June	27.	Charles L. Stoddard, conveyance,	5 00
June	28.	Alexander Paine, conveyance,	7 50
June	28.	Mrs. Riley Stoddard, conveyance,	7 50
June	28.	Ervin Bryant, teaching 10 weeks,	60 00
June	30.	Merrick M. Greeley, board of teacher,	22 50
July	26.	Frank A. Knight, money loaned,	60 90
July	26.	Frank A. Knight, labor, etc.,	45 47
July	26.	Frank A. Knight, house cleaning, etc.,	7 50
Aug.	3.	George J. Bennett, conveyance,	25 00
Sept.	19.	H. L. Ford, teaching account fall term,	10 00
Sept.	28.	Samuel Bortwell, conveyance,	5 00
Sept.	28.	Don H. Scovell, labor,	2 50
Oct.	24.	Geo. S. Aldrich, cash paid janitor,	5 00
Nov.	15.	H. L. Ford, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
Nov.	16.	Lizzie L. Aldrich, teaching 10 weeks, etc.,	71 50
Nov.	17.	Mabel Gray, teaching 10 weeks, etc.,	71 50
Nov.	19.	Charles L. Stoddard, conveyance,	5 00
Nov.	20.	Fred M. Wheeler, conveyance,	5 00
Nov.	20.	Kate Stoddard, conveyance,	5 00
Nov.	23.	Gertrude B. M. Scovell, teaching 2 weeks,	25 00

Nov.	25.	Frank A. Knight, labor, etc.,	8 78
Nov.	25.	Ervin Bryant, teaching 3 weeks,	27 00
Nov.	26.	Arthur G. Burbee, teaching 5 weeks,	62 50
Nov.	29.	Alexander Paine, conveyance,	10 00
Nov.	29.	John E. Hartwell, wood,	15 50
Dec.	3.	Samuel Bortwell, conveyance,	5 00
Dec.	6.	Alice Butterfield, teaching 10 weeks,	90 00
Dec.	8.	E. E. Hartwell, janitor service,	14 10
Dec.	18.	E. W. Salurline, conveyance,	5 00
1903.			
Jan.	1.	H. L. Ford, account teaching,	10 00
Jan.	1.	J. D. Goodnow, wood,	20 00
Jan.	3.	Frank A. Knight, cash paid,	5 90
Jan.	3.	Frank A. Knight, note and interest,	218 79
Jan.	5.	Frank A. Knight, account, new schoolhouse,	294 87
Jan.	5.	Edith Bussell, teaching 4 weeks,	50 00
Jan.	7.	Charles J. Leach, conveyance,	4 00
Jan.	20.	Gilman Carey, conveyance,	5 00
Feb.	3.	Chas. M. Scovell, trustee, interest on notes,	14 74
Feb.	7.	Fred M. Wheeler, conveyance,	9 60
Feb.	7.	Charles Stoddard, conveyance,	3 40
Feb.	14.	Geo. S. Aldrich, teaching 10 weeks, etc.,	73 00
Feb.	14.	Geo. S. Aldrich, wood,	6 00
Feb.	14.	Mrs. Abbie Winchester, conveyance,	2 90
Feb.	14.	Carroll F. Capron, conveyance,	5 00
Feb.	14.	F. W. Aldrich, conveyance,	3 90
Feb.	14.	Chas. J. Leach, conveyance,	1 10
Feb.	14.	Frank A. Knight, care of schoolhouse,	16 70
Feb.	14.	Alice Butterfield, teaching 10 weeks,	90 00
Feb.	14.	Sumner Parker, wood,	6 00
Feb.	14.	Bernice Stimpson, teaching 10 weeks,	90 00
Feb.	14.	Clifton A. Thompson, labor, etc.,	7 00
Feb.	14.	Kate Stoddard, conveyance,	3 30
Feb.	14.	H. L. Ford, teaching 10 weeks, etc.,	75 00
Feb.	14.	David King, janitor account,	4 50
Feb.	14.	Elmer T. Nims, wood,	20 00
			$2,440 90

Total receipts,		$2,687 31
Total expenditures,	$2,440 90	
Cash in treasury to balance,	246 41	
		$2,687 31

As per statement made by the school board and recorded in clerk's records, the following notes represent the written liabilities of the district, namely:

Note due Oct. 1, 1903, Mary K. Ward,	$500 00
Note due Oct. 1, 1903, Frank A. Knight,	500 00
Note due, Willard Bill, Jr.,	500 00
Note due Jan. 3, 1906, C. M. Scovell, trustee,	308 90
	$1,808 90

With accrued interest.

WILLARD BILL, JR.,
Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the foregoing report of the treasurer of the school district of Westmoreland for the year ending Feb. 15, 1903, and find the same to be correct and fully vouched.

JOHN WORKS,
Auditor.

Westmoreland, Feb. 16, 1903.

STATEMENT OF

TREASURER SCHOOLHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.

Received of school board,	$808 90
Received of town of Westmoreland for brick, etc.,	22 90
Received of Z. E. Britton, shed,	5 00
Received of J. A. Craig, lumber,	6 00
	$842 80

EXPENDITURES.

Due F. A. Knight, Feb. 15, 1902,	$14 73
C. H. Ellis, lumber,	437 11
H. S. Black, labor,	61 00
A. A. Barker, labor,	26 88
Spencer Hardware Co.,	46 03
Goodnow & Aldrich, shades,	12 00
S. L. Rice, posts,	16 00
A. Beal, labor,	10 25
F. F. Wilcox, lumber,	12 00
F. E. Cobleigh, drawing posts,	3 00
G. M. Blake, material,	14 82
F. A. Knight, lumber,	37 10
O. E. Ward, labor,	26 60
G. F. Ball, brick,	4 00
Thayer & Collins, lumber,	9 12
Frank A. Pierce, lumber,	26 55
C. Witham, labor,	35 75
S. P. Faulkner, labor,	7 24
A. Higgins, labor,	6 00
C. C. Hall, freight and lumber,	9 33

Davis, Wright & Co., stove casing,	16 70
Fred Wheeler, freight,	1 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	50
C. C. Hall, fencing,	21 69
	$855 40
Balance,	$12 60

F. A. KNIGHT,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of F. A. Knight, treasurer of the building committee for the new schoolhouse for the past year, and find them to the best of my knowledge and belief to be correct and property vouched.

JOHN WORKS,
Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1899, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF WESTMORELAND, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1902.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition.			Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
		Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.							
Jan. 13	Ruth M.	F	L	3	Frank E. Aldrich	Lena M. Wheeler	Farmer	Westmoreland	Jamaica, Vt.	47	28
Feb. 2		F	L	7	Alexander Paine	Rose M. Taft	" [R. R.	"	"	45	35
May 20	Mildred H.	F	L	1	Chas. H. Hart	Alice M. Ware	Station agt. on	Pitsford, Vt.	Westmoreland	32	26
Mar 11		F	L	5	John Donovan	Lillian M. Winchester	Section hand R. R.	Ireland	"	44	29
July 30	Grace E.	F	L	1	Lleawellyn W Britton	Viola L. Dutton	Farmer	Westmoreland	"	39	22
Oct. 15	Charlotte R.	F	L	5	Frank S. Chickering	Bertha F. Ramsay	"	"	Walpole	40	33
" 27	Edward	M	L	5	James Dunn	Kate Barron	Section hand R. R.	Ireland	Ireland	30	31
" 19		F	L	3	Don H. Scovell	Agnes M. Hall	Farmer	Westmoreland	Westmoreland	28	27
Nov. 14	Nellie M.	F	L	1	Elijah Farr	Nellie J. Nash	"	Bradford, Vt.	Gilsum	63	40

Marriages Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Apr. 14	Natick, Ms.	Leonard D. Warren	Westmorel'nd	28	Clerk	Chesterfield	Earl Warren Lizzie M. Warren	Westmoreland "	1st	Rev. F. S. Weston Natick, Ms.
		Ina E. Emory	Natick, Ms.	28	Housekeeper	Westmoreland	Curtis Emory Delia Emory	Westmoreland	1st	
" 29	Westmorel'nd	Warren J. Holden	Westmorel'nd	30	Farmer	Westminster Vt	Orman Holden Adaline Holden	Westminster, Vt Townshend, Vt.	1st	Rev. L. F. Shep- [ardson Westmoreland
		Lena Polaska	"	30	Housekeeper	Poland	Joseph Polaska C'ristina Polaska	Poland "	1st	
Aug. 17	Fitchburg, Ms	Frank E. Brooks	"	44	[R. R. Sectionmast'r	Illinois	Edward Brooks Lucy A. Brooks	Keene "	2d	Rev. W. G. Rich- [ardson
		Edna M. Aldrich	Bellows F's Vt	44	Housekeeper	Bellows Falls Vt	Niles Aldrich Martha C. Aldrich	Westmoreland Putney, Vt.	1st	
Sept 16	Westmorel'nd	Archie Peters	Westmorel'nd	21	Laborer	Forest Hill Vt.	Napoleon Peters Ada Peters	Rutland, Vt. E. Walli'gf'd, Vt.	1st	Rev. G. H. French Westmoreland
		Vestella Norris	"	17	Housekeeper	Westmoreland	Nathaniel Norris Millie Norris	Fitzwilliam Westmoreland	1st	

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Westmoreland, N. H., for the Year ending Dec. 31, 1902.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n. Male or Female.	Sex and Cond'n. S., M., W.*	Place of Birth. Father.	Place of Birth. Mother.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 8	Arabella Derby	67	1	22	Westmoreland	F	M	Alstead	Westmoreland	Gilbert Heustis	Martha Hodges
" 8	Caroline A. Howe	91	10	7	"	F	W				
" 18	William B. Britton	63		10	"	M	M	Westmoreland	Chesterfield	Zenas Britton	Harriet Gary
" 21	Marshal E. Dana	50	3	4	Mount Holly, Vt.	M	M	Danbury, Vt.	Wallingford, Vt.	Thomas Dana	Mary Chilson
Mar. 4	George Leach	92	4	15	Westmoreland	M	W	Westmoreland	Westmoreland	Isaac Leach	Ruth Aldrich
Apr. 6	Sumner Hall	60	6	21	Wardsboro, Vt.	M	M			Wilson Hall	Laura Copeland
" 29	Riley A. Stoddard	52	2	12	Vernon, Vt.	M	M	Vernon, Vt.	Vernon, Vt.	Asa Stoddard	Eliza Davenport
May 4	Seth C. Hall	79	6	6	Westmoreland	M	W	Raynham, Ms.	Keene	Gains Hall	Lucinda Balch
" 25	Helen M. Leonard	65	10	26	Chesterfield	F	M			Joseph Clark	Polly Kneeland
" 24	Wm. C. Hendrix	75	6	15	Montreal, Ca.	M	M				
June 4	Holland Wheeler	65	1	26	St. Johnsbury, Vt.	M	M			Warren Wheeler	Betsey Wood
" 5	Sumner Winchester	59			Westmoreland	M	M			Edw. R. Winchester	Mary Foster
" 16	Patrick Culliton	70			Ireland	M	M	Ireland	Ireland		
" 20	Robert T. Aldrich	83	7	27	Westmoreland	M	M	Westmoreland	Westmoreland	Obed Aldrich	Eliza Thompson
July 8	Marthy T. Hall	63	7	29	Townshend, Vt.	F	W			John Howe	Charlotte Bellamy
Oct. 23	Spencer M. Leonard	80	5	10	Westmoreland	M	W	Massachusetts	Massachusetts	Oliver Leonard	Sally Paine
" 23	James Moriarty	64			"	M	M			Edward Moriarty	Lucinda Moriarty
Nov. 9	CharlotteChickering			15	"	F		Westmoreland	Walpole	Frank S. Chickering	Bertha F. Ramsay
Feb. 3	†Geo. H. Gassett	77	2		Townsend, Ms.	M	W			Walker Gassett	Betsey Hall
Apr. 3	†Eli Richardson	66			Stoddard	M	S	Franklin, Ms.	Stoddard	Marcus Richardson	Anna Locke
" 5	†Bridget Kennedy	74	1	20	Ireland	F	W	Ireland	Ireland	Cornelius Shay	Mary Moran
" 10	†Barney Cavanaugh	48			Bedford, Ms.	M	W	"	"	Barney Cavanaugh	Margaret Cain
June 26	†Eltha Kingsley	25			Higginson, N. Y.	F	S	Essex, N. Y.		George Kingsley	Fanny Chase
July 12	†Jonas Gassett	83				M					
Sept 26	†Elizabeth Keep	92	10	12	Vermont	F	S				
Oct. 28	†Orvilla Holt	74				F	S				
Nov. 18	†Augusta H. Picket	60				F	W	Dunbarton	Derry	Amos W. Carleton	Ann E. Hanson
Dec. 22	†Alice Iredale	22				F	S				

* Single, married or widowed. † Died at Cheshire County Almshouse.

I hereby certify that the following transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

EDWIN J. GOODNOW,
Town Clerk.

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